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TIRE MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 AND 1.98**

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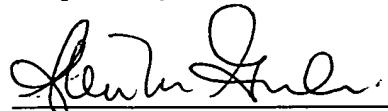
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the foregoing Supplementary EPO International Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the EPO.

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